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STRUCTURE

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1. SUMMARY: ILO GOVERNING BODY OFFICERS DECIDED
TO POSTPONE MEETING OG GOVERNMENT GROUP ON STRUCTURE
SCHEDULED FOR FEBRUARY 7. OFFICERS WILL RECOMMEND
TO GOVERNING BODY THAT MEETING TAKE PLACE AFTER
MARCH SESSION AND THAT FULL WORKING PARTY MEET BEFORE
MAY SESSION OF GB. VAGUE LANGUAGE OF THEIR
RECOMMENDATION (SEE PARA TWO BELOW) WILL PERMIT

ACTUAL DATES FOR BOTH MEETINGS TO BE INFLUENCED BY CONSULTATIONS BETWEEN WP MEMBERS DURING FEBRUARY AND MARCH SESSION OF GB. ONE CONSIDERATION FOR U.S. AND IMEC GROUP IS ADVISABILITY OF HOLDING GOVERNMENT GROUP MEETING BEFORE AFRICAN LABOR MINISTERS MEETING IN TRIPOLI; DATES FOR LATTER NOT FIRM BUT MEETING IS LIKELY TO FALL BETWEEN MID-MARCH AND EARLY APRIL. END SUMMARY.

2. ILO LEGAL ADVISER WOLF GAVE US FOLLOWING TEXT BY TELEPHONE OF TELEGRAM TO BE SENT TO WP MEMBERS

QUOTE: FOLLOWING REQUEST TRANSMITTED THROUGH THE PRESIDENT OF THE GOVERNMENT GROUP OF THE WORKING PARTY ON STRUCTURE, THE OFFICERS OF THE GOVERNING BODY HAVE DECIDED TO POSTPONE THE FEBRUARY 7 MEETING OF GOVERNMENT MEMBERS AND TO SUGGEST THAT GOVERNING BODY REARRANGE SCHEDULE OF STRUCTURE MEETINGS AS FOLLOWS: GOVERNMENT MEMBERS TO MEET AFTER GB FEBRUARY-MARCH SESSION AND TRIPARTITE WORKING PARTY TO MEET BEFORE MAY SESSION OF GOVERNING BODY. DATES WILL BE COMMUNICATED AS SOON AS DECIDED. UNQUOTE.

3. CONSIDERING U.S. INTENT TO CONSULT WITH IMEC, WOLF BELIEVES IN SETTING DATE FOR GOVERNMENT GROUP MEETING WE SHOULD CONSIDER POSSIBLE NEGATIVE IMPACT ON AFRICAN LABOR MINISTERS MEETING. LANGUAGE USED BY GB OFFICERS WAS PURPOSELY LEFT VAGUE IN ORDER TO KEEP OPTIONS OPEN OF HOLDING GOVERNMENT MEETING
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AFTER AFRICAN LABOR MINISTERS MEETING, AND OF SETTING DATE FOR WOKING PARTY IN FOUR TO SIX WEEK PERIOD BEFORE MAY SESSION OF GOVERNING BODY. WOLF SAID AMBASSADOR AZIMI (WHO ALSO LEADS G77 IN WP) IS OPEN MINDED ABOUT DATES FOR BOTH THESE MEETINGS.

4. COMMENT: GB OFFICERS' DECISION MEETS U.S. DESIRE TO ELIMINATE FEBRUARY 7 MEETING AND TO GAIN TIME TO CONSULT WITH IMEC MEMBERS OF WP. IT ALSO GIVES US FLEXIBILITY IN SETTING DATES OF STRUCTURE MEETINGS (ALTHOUGH WE BELIEVE MOST GOVERNMENT MEMBERS OF WP WILL PREFER TO MEET IN WEEK OF MARCH 7) AND TIME, IN LIGHT OF HOROWITZ MISSION TO WEIGH RISK OF UPSETTING AFRICAN LABOR MINISTERS BY HARD RESPONSE TO G-77 IN GOVT. GROUP OF STRUCTURE WP. CATTO

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